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Howdy, and welcome to 1992. I hope y'all had a wonderful holiday season. Mine was very busy; but, quite enjoyable with relaxing visits to friends and extra time off of work.

Before the eagle-eyed readers panic, you did not miss an issue of RW. There was no issue with a December date on it. I decided to change to the month in which most of the readership receives each issue and when the deadline is.

Welcome to Mark and Kari Simonitch's new addition, Lucas Ray. His first few weeks were difficult; but, now he is at home and doing fine. He joins his brother Andrew James out in California. CONGRATS!!!!

Last month's (November) issue was sort of a special one from the mailing end of it. I stapled, labeled and stamped the issues on the planes taking me to Michigan (this was truely a multiple state venture). On Saturday, I took the copies to the Holt, Michigan post office and they hand cancelled them with that postmark. Holt is my hometown until I went to college.

This issue has a new game. An orphan from THE MESSENGER has been housed here by Eric Ozog and the US Orphan Service. I've named the 'zine "My Word!" in keeping with RW games being named after Public Radio show broadcasts.

I should to plug the artist who's provided the header above, the mailing front and (soon to come) asides. Gennie Summers's speciality is character sketchs (for RPGs) and she does commissions. She can be reached at: 104 North Spring St.; Cassville, MO 85625-1144.

In Dip news, Peter Gaughan is running the annual Marco Poll. Vote (in order) for the five best 'zines and the five best players. All votes must be received by April 1st at: 1521 S. Novato Blvd., #46; Novato, CA 94947.

DipCon this year is being held in Kansas City, MO from July 3-5. If anyone really wants to meet me, you'll be given your chance there. I've put in for vacation and have sent my pre-registration to Vince Lutterbie (1021 Stonehaven; Marshall, MO 65340).

Besides three rounds of Diplomacy for the North American Championship, there will be a Titan tournament, trips to the ballpark (Royals vs. Brewers) and a variety of seminars. Also, Rex Martin of Avalon Hill and THE GENERAL will be the keynote speaker. I hope to meet many of you there!!

Version 2.1 of the RAMBLING WAY House Rules have been printed. They will go into effect immediately; however, there should be no changes which effect the games in progress. Mostly it consists of administrative matters and context errors.

The administrative additions were detailed in past issues of RW. They are foreign money for subscriptions, responsibilities regarding missed issues, impending area code change, when deadlines are and where my game names come from. Anyone who wishes a copy of the updated house rules can have one upon request, though a SASE is appreciated.

A new trade, WELL MARTHA, IT KINDA' SORTA' LOOKS LIKE A DIP RAG...DON'T IT? is listed this issue. Also, six new subbers have joined the RW family.

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TRADES

THE ASSASSIN'S BLADE by John Galt (701 Welch Rd., #323; Palo Alto, CA 94304-1705) has Fog of War openings. Runs Character and Reg Dip.

EXCELSIOR by Bruce McIntyre (6636 Dow Ave., #203; Burnaby, B.C.; CANADA V5H 3C9) has an irregular publication schedule, but an excellent commentary section and lettercol.

THE GAMERS' 'ZINE by Earl Whiskeyman (27 Mark St.; Milford, CT 06460) has regular and gunboat games, En Garde! and Machiavelli.

ORPHAN SON by Bob Hartwig (6612 W. 113th Ave.; Westminster, CO 80020) hosts orphaned games. Has commentary, a lettercol, subzines with Gunboat and Civilization games and other features.

PONTEVEDRIA by Phil Reynolds (2896 Oak St.; Sarasota, FL 34237) list of 'zines with game openings.

WELL MARTHA, IT KINDA' SORTA' LOOKS LIKE A DIP RAG...DON'T IT? by John Schultz (POB 41-19390 ICH 308; Michigan City, IN 46360) Lots of Games

THE TACTFUL ASSASSIN by Eric Young (4784 Stephney Rd., RR #2; Armstrong, B.C.; CANADA V0E 1B0) has Regular, Gunboat and Asian Dip openings. Features a lettercol and commentary.

YOUR 'ZINE OF 'ZINES by Jack McHugh (280 Sanford Rd.; Upper Darby, PA 19082) and Doug Kent -- the Siskel & Ebert of 'zine reviews.

'ZINE REGISTER by Garret Schenck (40 Third Pl., Basement Apt.; Brooklyn, NY 11231) reviews just about every 'zine in the hobby

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HOUSE RULES: The second edition is available upon request. All games except RW #1 are, or will be, run using these rules.

"Thistle and Shamrock"

MENSA #35 -- BN: 1991A

Autumn 1904

Ger A Bel disbands
It F Ion disbands (NRR)

Winter 1904

Italy: NBR, plays one short
France: builds A MAR
Germany: builds A KIE
Austria: NBR, plays one short

Spring 1905

Turkey (Grose): A ANK, A BUL, F GRE, F ION, F BLA all hold (see note)
Russia (Kohnke): A FIN s f nwy-swe, F nwy-SWE, A MOS-war, A WAR-sil
F SEV s a rum, A RUM s turkish a ank-bul (nso)
Italy (Polak): NMR; A VEN, A TUN, F TUS all hold
France (Hight): A mar-NAP, F LYO c a mar-nap, F TYN c a mar-nap,
A PIE-tus, F ENG-nth, F hol-HEL, A wal-LON,
F lpl-IRI, A bel-RUH, A BUR s a bel-ruh
Germany (Lutterbie): A MUN s a pru-sil, A pru-SIL, A KIE hold,
F DEN-nth, F swe holds (r-bot/bal/ska/otb)
Austria (Harris): NMR; A SER, A GAL, A TRI all hold

CENTERS

Turkey (5): Con/Ank/Smy/Bul/Gre
Russia (6): Mos/StP/Sev/Nwy/War/Rum
Italy (4): Rom/Nap/Ven/Tun
England (0): ELIMINATED FALL 1904
France (10): Par/Bre/Mar/Por/Spa/Lpl/Lon/Edi/Bel/Hol
Germany (5): Ber/Kie/Mun/Den/Swe
Austria (4): Vie/Tri/Bud/Ser

DUE DATE for

Fall 1905

January 23, 1992 at 12:00 noon

NOTES

01) Would Phil Reynolds (2986 Oak St.; Sarasota, FL 34237 (813) 953-6952) standby for Austria?
02) Would Kevin Kinsel (21561 Oakbrook; Mission Viejo, CA 92626) standby for Italy? (I hope this isn't getting to be a habit).

03) All Turkish units held this turn as conditional orders were submitted for every eventality except the disbandment of the Italian fleet.

04) I had forgotten to list one possible retreat for the Italian fleet in the Ionian last turn (to AEG). However, it made no difference to the game.

05) If you have questions about the game, make sure that they are noticable. This turn a question was within the middle of the orders, and I didn't notice it until I was adjudicating the turn. Fortunately, the French convoy wasn't disrupted (a unit won't have its support cut if it is supporting a unit into the area the supporter is being attacked from).

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PRESS

Ger-World: If you think I'm gonna let France have a solo, think again.

Ger-Rus: Call me -- SOON!

(Turkey) French and Turkish military and diplomatic representatives met in Sicily this past winter to celebrate their rout of the Italian navy and to plan their joint attack on the Italian mainland in 1905. With Italy's navy rusting away in port, these two long-time secret allies have succeeded in linking up their Mediterranean fleets and re-opening their trade routes which were disrupted for four years. France was the first European country to negotiate a commercial treaty with the Ottoman Empire, back in 1535. We have been at war with France only once, when it invaded Egypt in 1798 under Napolean.

Italy managed to start a war between former allies France and Germany, as well as to order puppet Emperor Stora's forces east and south. We have all seen through you now, Sam! Venice will soon fall - maybe to your former puppet's forces. President-for-life Polak's term is about to end.

Meanwhile, peasants are fleeing from southern Italy to Albania, in some cases commandeering ships. The Ottoman Empire welcomes them with open arms. Since Emperor Stora has little control over his mongrel troops, we may have to order our own forces into Albania to protect these refugees.

APBA Managers needed for a long-running baseball league. Contact: Mike Willett (9693-1 Basket Ring Rd.; Columbia, MD 21045 (410) 992-0148) for details.

"WHAD' YA KNOW"

RW #2 -- MN: 1991Wrb32

Spring 1902

Turkey ( ): F ANK s a smy-arm, F BLA s a smy-arm, A GRE s a bul, A BUL s austrian a bud-rum (nso), A smy-ARM
Russia ( ): F SEV-bla, F arm s f sev-bla (ann), A GAL s a rum, F bot-SWE, A RUM (unordered) holds
Italy ( ): A VEN-tri, A TYL s a ven-tri, F ION-alb
England( ): A nwy-FIN, F NTH c a lon-nwy, A lon-NWY, F ENG-mao
France ( ): F POR-mao, A spa-GAS, A par-PIC, A BRE s a par-pic, A MAR holds
Germany( ): F den-SKA, F kie-DEN, A ruh-MUN, A ber-SIL, A HOL holds
Austria( ): A VIE-tri, A BUD s a vie-tri, F ALB s itl f ion-gre (nso)
If you're playing, a red checkmark will be next to the country's name.

CENTERS

Turkey (5): Con/Ank/Smy/Gre/Bul
Russia (5): War/Mos/Stp/Sev/Rum
Italy (3): Rom/Nap/Ven
England(4): Lon/Edi/Lpl/Nwy
France (5): Bre/Var/Par/Spa/Por
Germany(5): Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Hol
Austria(3): Bud/Vie/Tri
Neutral : Swe/Tun/Ser/Bel

DUE DATE for

FALL 1902

January 23, 1992 at 12:00 noon

PRESS

Germany ask France to Police Belgium from British Profiteers
Germany ask that Russia and Italy withdraw from Austria-Hungary territory
Germany seeks treaty with Austria-Hungary
Fra-Ger: I'd like to set a mutual border. France gets Belgium and Burgandy. Germany gets Holland, Ruhr, Munich.
Eng-Ger: The Prime Minister offers his apologies to the Kaiser for the unfortunate bounce in Belgium. Your offer to France of an alliance is most troubling to the PM. Since the French have more armies than anyone else on the board they will have to cross your border in the hunt for more dots.
Eng-Tur: First one to Moscow gets the Kremlin.
Tur-Eng: May I suggest that you find the North of great interest and profit? If you can avoid an entanglement with the French and German forces, this is your most likely avenue of gain.
Tur-Fra: I must express some concern about your directions against England inasmuch as that may distract attention from the North.

Tur-Aus: It is not my intention to initiate hostilities. No doubt I must find my own way out of the mess in the Black Sea. I am willing to negotiate on matters of mutual interest. I await your consideration. Meanwhile, please consider moving A BUD-RUM, my forces will support this move in SPRING 1902 in repayment of your succession of GRE to us.

Tur-Ger: Most interesting move in the North. The Sultan will not forget it. It may well be of your own benefit to pick up a dot or two in the East while Russia is engaged elsewhere.

Tur-Ita: As you can see, we expect to be engaged in the East for a season or two. If a change of fortune falls upon us, we will repay our debts in future seasons of prosperity.

Tur-Rus: We regret your obstinence in the matter of the Black Sea. It is always better to negotiate than to engage in ceaseless and profitless hostilities. Even if you build a fleet, I suggest that you will not be able to profit in the South. There is still time to turn your ambitions in another direction.

Palazzo Viento, Rome: "Ah, Montessori, welcome home! What news from our eastern allies?"

"They do not seem eager to fight, milord, but neither are they eager to cooperate. The Sultan firmly controls the Black Sea, and appears more interesse in Rumania than Serbia."

"Mal biento, Montessori, this is not good! They must see that simultaneous attacks on Trieste and Budapest are our best opportunity to crush the degustare Austrians."

"Aye, milord, it is hoped they will see the benefits of your plan."

"On other matters, send a message to the French that we will understand their need to build a fleet in Marseilles, and we will not take offense should it then move through Spain to the Atlantic, for they will certainly want revenge upon the English."

"It shall be done, milord."

"Also, warn the Germans against aiding Austria. Tell the Kaiser it would be foolish to book passage on a ship fated to sink. Assure him, upon my honor as a man of the cloth, that he is safe so long as he does not interfere."

"As you command, milord."

From the Swiss Capital, Berne: In an obscure fjord in Sweden, a report of the successful repulsion of the Russian forces was claimed to be a result of the use of a new mini-submarine tested for the first time in combat. Reliable sources in Sweden reported that the Russian fleet was unable to respond to this new naval threat.

Trading in the Austrian Shilling resumed at markedly lower values today. The Russian Ruble and the Turkish Lira continued lower against the British Pound. The Mark, Franc and Italian Lira remained stable, while the British Pound continued its rock solid performance, as usual.

It seems that love is not detered by war. Caught in Paris in an embarrassing liason were two consulate employees, one an Austrian cook, the other an Italian maid. French officials dismissed the incident as just an 'affaire de la coeur.'

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"My Word!"
Orphan from THE MESSENGER

BN: 1987IR

Spring 1909

Italy (Gaughan): has A ROM, F APU, F TUN
England (Schultz): has F ENG, F TYN, F LYO, F WME, F BAL, A StP, A LVN
France (Ivanovskis?/Reynolds?): has A PAR, A BUR, A POR, A HOL, A MAR
Germany (McHugh): has F DEN, A MUN, A RUH, a bur (r-bel/pic/otb)
a ber (r-kie/otb)
Austria (Courtemanche): has A BER, A SIL, A WAR, A MOS, A GAL, A BOH, A TYL, A TRI, A SER, A PIE, F VEN, F ADR, F ION, F AEG

CENTERS

Turkey	(0):	ELIMINATED ((When??))
Russia	(0):	ELIMINATED ((When??))
Italy	(3):	Rom/Nap/Tun
England	(7):	Edi/Lpl/Lon/Bre/Nwy/StP/Swe
France	(5):	Par/Mar/Por/Spa/Bel
Germany	(5):	Ber/Kie/Mun/Hol/Den
Austria	(14):	Bud/Tri/Ven/Ank/Bul/Con/Gre/Mos/Rum/Ser/Sev/Smy/Ven/War

DUE DATE for

Summer 1909

January 23, 1992 at 12:00 noon

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NOTE

This game is rehoused from THE MESSENGER as an orphan. Of the five players when the last move was adjudicated, only two are present above. Of the others, Ted Reiner, has moved with no forwarding address and subsequent attempts to find an address have failed. Another, Lance Anderson, has dropped from all other games he was in and hasn't responded to my letter. The last, Paul Ivanovskis, I don't know about. However, as two of the addresses I was given had errors, I'm only going to call for the German retreats to allow Paul to contact me and for negotiations. If he doesn't, Phil Reynolds will be given the position. Copies of previous game moves are solicited.

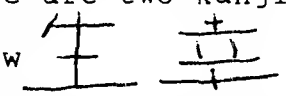
MODERN DIPLOMACY, by Michael V. McCabe

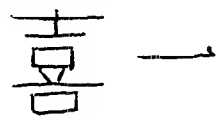
This is the 2d in a series of columns by one of your diplomats abroad. Everything expressed in the column are my views and are not necessarily those of the Department of State or any other U.S. Government agency.

The term "peaceful uses" is used differently by the U.S. and the Japanese Governments. To the U.S., peaceful uses can include military use, say for defensive purposes or in satellites used for observation. Japan, however, equates peaceful use with nonmilitary use. As Japan's space agency was getting underway, its charter called for the organization to conduct activities for peaceful uses only. That term was defined to the Diet (Japan's Parliament) as nonmilitary uses. Thus Japan's space agency cannot cooperate with any military organization, domestic or foreign.

This difference in definition was a difficulty that had to be overcome in negotiating the space station agreement. Readers will remember that the U.S., Japan, Canada, and Europe have agreed to collaborate in the building of Space Station Freedom. Japan is building one of the station's modules. The way this difference was resolved for operations in the space station was to have each country's definition of peaceful uses apply to that country's module. Therefore, work in the U.S. module could be used by a military organization but work done in the Japanese module would not be used by any military organization. This also could be an issue if a new space cooperation agreement is negotiated.

Cultural Item. The Japanese language is complex. One aspect of its complexity is that three "alphabets" are used: kanji, katakana, and hiragana. (Actually, the kanji, or Chinese characters, are not really an alphabet but are word or thought pictures. Katakana and Hiragana actually are alphabets.) The Japanese learn them all. Sentences that are written in katakana or hiragana can be sounded out in the same manner as if the sentences were written in the Roman alphabet. Kanji sentences are more difficult; the characters, their meanings, and their uses must be memorized -- even for names. Here are two kanji; they mean, in order, "to live" and "happiness." Yet when placed together in a name, one who does not know the person does not know how to pronounce the name! This is because the first one can be pronounced as "say," "show," or "ee," and the second can be pronounced as "ko" or "satchi." They are the characters of the first name of one of the Japanese employees in my section, who pronounces his name "Seikoh" and not "Iisatchi." Here are the characters in the first name of Japan's new Prime Minister. They can be pronounced "Ki ichi" or "Yoshi kazu". When they were printed in the Japanese language newspapers, the hiragana was printed next to the kanji so readers would know that the correct pronunciation of Mr. Miyazawa's given name was Kiichi.





This piece is untitled, and is written by a person who wishes to remain anonymous. He claims a "common-law" copyright with the name of the author being "A. Machiavelli". It is an alternate view of the Italian position posed in last month's article "Italy, The Difficult" by Joe Brooks.

Ita-Aus:

Experienced players claim we are the "weaker" powers: you because you're too vulnerable; I because I'm too isolated. But if I can persuade you to trust me in 1901 and if we take time to correspond promptly and frequently we can have fun. I ask:

1 -- You help me take Greece in 1901.
2 -- You help me negotiate a 3-way alliance with you, me and Russia.
3 -- You trust me to move to Tyrolia and Venice this Spring.

Reward to you: two builds in 1901; Turkey soon eliminated; allies of Russia on the north and me in the south.

I propose: Spring 1901

Ita:		Aus:	
	A Ven-Tyl		A Bud-Rum
	A Rom-Ven		A Vie-Bud
	F Nap-Ion		F Tri-Alb

Russia to move two units noth to gain either SWE via alliance with Germany or NWY via alliance with England.

Now you may cry "foul" - Italy promised to let Tyrolia remain vacant.

Fall 1901:

Ita:	A Tyl and A Ven mutually support each other
	F Ion to Gre
Aus:	F Alb supports Italian F Ion-Gre
	A Rum support A Bud-Ser
	A Bud-Ser

Adequate diplomacy with Russia and Turkey should enable you to get two builds and me gain Greece plus good positions for both of us to eliminate Turkey. Our goals to eventually gain:

Austria:	Rum, Ser and Bul
Italy:	Gre, Tun and Smy
Russia:	Ank, and Con plus northern gains

Long Term agreements: You build no fleets, I build no armies and we continue a three-way alliance with Russia.

However, Jack McHugh has this comment regarding Joe's article: "Italy the Difficult" was right on the money. I hate to play Italy because it is so restricted in growth.

--Any other views on this topic? (Editor)

POLL QUESTION

Last Month -- What charities/public service organizations do you support? How?

Chuck Green: As a college student, I could probably be considered a charity case myself. Nevertheless, I still support a few charitable

organizations. Giving blood is something I've done twice so far, and will continue doing. I'm also a member of the National Space Society (NASA's civilian efforts certainly need better funding) and support the WWF ((??)) (which, incidently, is quite popular in Italy).

Myself?: I support my local public television station and the two public radio stations in San Antonio with annual donations. I also donate money and some time each year to our local Mensa scholarship program (the Owl Fund) and I participate in PeaceLinks (dedicated to forging individual links between the US and the former Soviet Union).

Regarding whether the Democrats will win a presidential election in the near future (September's question):

Kevin Kinsel: Reading Curt Milbourn's article on what he thinks the democratic chances are, made me spew out my evening supper! Re-capping, Milbourn asserts that "Foreign events" of the USSR's fall, Desert Storm, etc strik an easy road to victory for Bush. Without even breaching the subject on the future '96 campaign, let us quickly analyze the more immediate election of next year.

#1. Foreign events. Yes, Bush rode the rampaging bull well...while the beast still lived. Does ANYBODY really care about Saddam, Israel, Arabia, and Kuwait now? By the way, did anybody notice that Saddam is STILL in power, and that the "recession" bloomed into view the minute the war ended? Thanks George.

#2. The Fall of the Iron Curtain/What's left of the Soviet Union. Uttering the name of George Bush in the same sentence with the figures of Gorbachev and Yeltsin seems almost sacriligious (if the latter two weren't athiest)! The struggle for freedom and economic fortitude begs for leaders of their calibre. George Bush plagerizes "read my lips", and then skulks back to the closet when his statements are effortlessly refuted in a stark setting: REALITY. (Even a "thousand points of light" won't help you here, George).

#3. Quayle is an IDIOT. To elucidate would be tediously redundant. Example: Quayle visits a racially-mixed elementary school in Santa Ana to expouse his view on "school by choice". Shuffled under the carpet was fact that the school was a private Catholic school with next to NONE in "racial-mixing". We all know what chances the lower middle class and poor would have if the I-had-a-sugar-daddy Quayle got the '96 Presidency. This of course will NOT happen!

If Bush shook his head for an idea, I'm sure that most Republican would gladly see a different running mate....maybe....?

#4. THE ECONOMY. The Bush soft-underbelly. Another faux pas from Bush's lips falls to the ground as he stated that the recession is just in the minds of peoeple, and that with a "better attitude" this would go away. He still contends that we have NO recession! This is incredible! Do YOU belive this!?!

Watch out.....campaign '92 is on the way.....

NOTE: Poll question responses from Phil Reynolds and Jack McHugh will be delayed until next issue due to space considerations.

FEBRUARY'S POLL QUESTION: What is on the TOP of your New Year's Resolution list? or, What is the worst Christmas present you received?

INTERNAZIONALE

By Charles Green

"The Dark Side of Nationalism"
or
"Use the Force, Duke"

The problem with nationalism per se is not its existence; by definition, it raises national feeling and consciousness and helps bind together a nation, something which I believe is positive. The hitch comes in the focus of nationalism, or more specifically, its target. Often the prevailing climate of emotion is not "Look how good we are" but rather "Look how bad they are - we're better than that."

In Europe, this phenomenon often gives rise to the slogan "Germany for the Germans!" "Italy for the Italians!", etc. With a more unified Europe, people are also starting to say "Europe for the Europeans!" Facist parties in Europe (yes, they still exist) have capitalized on this in taking an anti-immigrant stance, winning themselves substantial support in the electorate. In Italy, the Lega Lombarda (which support creating a loose Italian federative state) has built much of its growing power in the North based on this feeling. It also plays off old anti-South sentiment; northern Italy has been subsidizing southern "development" for the past forty years.

European right-wing parties also capitalize on legitimate concerns, such as inefficient state-run enterprises, high taxes, and education. Their co-optation of these issues, however, is to a large extent insincere. Support of the right is based on anti-immigrant, nationalist, and racist sentiment. Much of the rest of their "programs" were just recently generated, sometimes years after a party's formation.

Unfortunately, the United States is also beginning to see a rise of the far right. David Duke's defeat in Louisiana has not stopped his career of being a professional candidate, now continuing in the presidential arena. The story of his success is even somewhat more disturbing. There is no chance that any of the fascist parties in Europe could achieve power in any state, as the opposition is just too strong. In America, the two-party system allows more "fudging" across party lines, as people in the U.S. now vote more for the candidate than for his party affiliation. Though it is difficult to see someone like Duke actually winning a serious office, a candidate with a less blantantly National Socialist past could easily do just that. Even Mr. Duke has had a shocking success, easily winning the majority of te white vote in Louisiana.

The methodology in both European and American cases is strikingly similar, involving a base appeal to racist and nationalist feelings. In the U.S., nationalism is a more diffuse thing, as Americans are not part of one "nation" as are the French, Italians, or Germans. American nationalism instead takes on a racial character, with WASPism trumpted as being best for the country. This offends those white anglo-saxon Protestants like myself, who see no specific applicability of my own heritage to the national situation, which is quite diverse in ethnic religious, and cultural terms. If we are to have nationalism, let it be the United States of America and ITS unique heritage that are supported, not the views and background of a minority.

GAME OPENINGS

Gunboat: Five players ready to go; two positions available. This will be a NO PRESS Gunboat game. If you are signed up, there will be a red check ==)

Regular: Four positions open: Brooks, Koehler, Eastep signed up.

Standbys: V. Lutterbie, DePalma, Kinsel, Reynolds, McHugh, Schultz
Please notify the editor if you want on or off the list.

Other game openings upon request of the readership. Contact the editor if you have a favorite game or variant.

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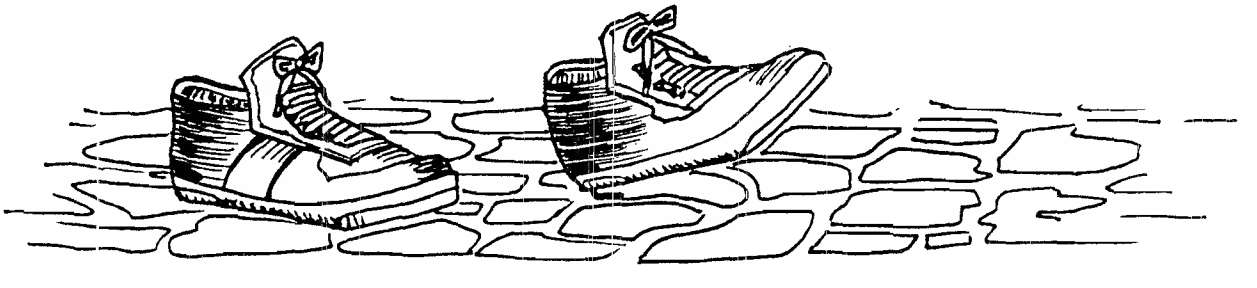
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